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- 1. The 4th Gds. Mecz. Army had a concert troupe of about 30 soldiers, chosen from the best talent to be found in the Army. This troupe included accordionists, a singer, and dancers. It produced quite high-quality entertainment in my opinion. The troupe members were excused from all military duties except political training. The troupe was commanded by a captain and had its own political officer.
- 2. At the end of 1952, a GOFG order was promulgated that the political branches of all army headquarters were responsible for ensuring that adequate entertainment was provided for the troops on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. Army headquarters, in turn, laid down a rule that all combat unit political officers were to submit (in person) their plans for their men's weekend entertainment to the division political officer every Saturday morning, while rear service units were to submit theirs to their respective rear service political officer. Two or three political officers would be asked to read their plans in the presence of the others. Thus, political officers were able to exchange ideas on how to entertain their men. The usual entertainment organized for the troops consisted of movies, sports, athletic competition, hobbies, chess, checkers, collective reading, and discussions of current topics.

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